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POSSIBLE SOVIET INFORMER

1. ASST ALUSNA RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL 23 NOV FROM PERSON CLAIMING TO BE POLISH DRIVER OF RUSSIAN VEHICLE. MOST OF CONVERSATION RECORDED BY ALUSNA. INFO TOUCHED ON SEVERAL AREAS INCLUDING: POSSIBLE CONNECTION SOVIET GOVT SUPPLYING MONEY TO INDIVIDUAL IN U.S. TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT; POSSIBLE SOVIET IMPLICATION IN U.S.S. THRESHER INCIDENT; SYSTEM OF USSR EMBASSY PERSONNEL MEETING MIGRANTS TO AUSTRALIA PROVIDING FALSE PASSPORTS AND SENDING THEM TO OTHER COUNTRIES; RUSSIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CUBA AND INDONESIA; RUSSIAN CONTACT WITH COOPERATIVE IN INDO EMBASSY CANBERRA; EMPLOYEE IN AMEMB CANBERRA (WOMAN) WHO IS GIVING INFO TO SOVIET EMB; SENDING OF AGENTS FROM AUST TO U.S. PERSON HAVE CONSIDERABLE DETAIL ON MODUS OPERANDI OF TWO SOVIET AGENTS IN SYDNEY.

2. PERSON HAS AGREED TO MEETING WITH ASST ALUSNA IN SYDNEY IN NEAR FUTURE. HAS ASKED FOR ASSURANCE HE WILL BE PROTECTED IF HE COOPERATES. TOLD THAT THIS COULD BE DISCUSSED AT FIRST MEETING.

3. AMBASSADOR, CAS AND ASIO INFORMED. ASIO CONDUCTING SURVEILLANCE FOR WELL DESCRIBED CAR AND DRIVER WHO CLAIMS TO BE IN CANBERRA NOW; KEEPING SOVIET EMBASSY UNDER SURVEILLANCE

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PMG HAS WATCH AT PHONE EXCHANGE TO TRACE ADDITIONAL CALLS. IF CALL TRACED ASIO HAS ARRANGED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE SURVEILLANCE OF ORIGINATOR AND/OR PLACE FROM WHICH CALL MADE. ASIO PLAN TO COVER MEETING OF ASST ALUSNA IN SYDNEY IF IT EVENTUATES.

4. CAS COORDINATING WITH ASIO.

5. ON 15 OCTOBER 1962 A SIMILAR CALL WAS RECEIVED AT EMB POSSIBLY FROM SAME PERSON. IN THAT CALL REFERENCE MADE TO PLOT WITH REWARD 100,000 DOLLARS TO KILL PRESIDENT KENNEDY. CALLER ALSO STATED USSR SUBS ON WAY TO CUBA WITH TROOPS WHOSE SECOND OBJECTIVE TO GUARANTEE SUPPORT TO GOVERNOR OF MISSISSIPPI. SUBSTANCE OF CALL PASSED TO ASIO AT THAT TIME BUT NO FURTHER INFO DEVELOPED.

6. WHILE SOME ASPECTS INDICATE INDIVIDUAL A CRANK OTHERS SEEM MORE AUTHENTIC. ALL PARTIES, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR, FEEL MATTER SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED UNTIL ADDITIONAL FACTS ARE DEVELOPED OR EXISTING LEADS HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED.

7. ALUSNA MAKING VERBATUM TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDING WITH COMMENTS TO BE SENT NEXT POUCH.

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921E Comment: Phone call received from Mrs Roman, CIA/DDP/Liaison, requesting permission to use some info in this cable in report to be submitted to Warren Commission. After checking with [illegible] 921D and [illegible] 922HIE, phone her and said OK provided draft of info submitted to CNI in advance of passage to Commission.
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